WMRC Bulletin

14 June 2021

1. Introduction

The WMRC Bulletin provides a fortnightly summary update on key issues and developments in the periods between WMRC Council meetings. It is issued fortnightly and circulated to WMRC Councillors and deputies, Member Council Elected Members, CEOs and other key people across the region. Welcome to newcomers. We are always happy to add extra people to the mailing list – please contact us. Past Bulletins are posted on our website here.

2. WMRC Budget and Fees & Charges 2021-22

Member Councils will soon be receiving notification of their fixed fee contributions for 2021-22. These are reduced by 5.4% compared to 2020-21. Our Council made no changes to gate fees at our recent OCM.

However, in common with other Local Governments GO Bin greenwaste processing costs are under pressure as GO bins contain a higher level of contamination than in greenwaste collected in bulk from verges. We have delayed this increase and will keep future increases to these fees as low as possible through our <u>Clean your Greens</u> project running jointly with collectors and Member Council staff. This project has seen our contamination rate drop markedly. We have informed our contacts in each Member Council of this potential cost increase for GO Bin waste. We anticipate that our fees will remain significantly under the market rate paid by other councils; and that our low verge greenwaste price will not be affected.

3. Waste to Energy Contract



The Waste Supply Agreement in its final draft form is currently under review by Member Councils.

We have some general Waste to Energy <u>FAQs on our website here</u>.

4. Elected Member and Officer Briefings

Given the many changes in waste management (including Waste to Energy, FOGO, Export Bans, Container Deposit Scheme, waste plans, e-waste processing funding) the WMRC is very happy to attend Elected Member briefings/forums, or staff meetings to answer questions with the latest information.

We are also planning community information sessions on many of the above topics. Please contact us.



5. Tour the West Metro Recycling Centre



Tours of the West Metro Recycling Centre for Member Council officers and Elected Members are very popular. The next one is due **this Wednesday** on 16 June 10:30-12:00 – <u>sign up here.</u>

If that is not convenient, we are running a community tour of the facility at 10am on 25 June. We charge a nominal amount for the public, but to waive that fee use the Promo Code westmetro. Details here.

Both tours include morning tea.

6. Plastic Free July

It is (nearly) that time of the year again. WMRC has joined the Plastic Free Foundation on behalf of our Member Councils giving them access to a wealth of material and events at a lower price than could have been achieved individually. Ask here if you need details. We are also contributing to two events ourselves:



1 July 9:30-11:00 Beach Clean-up - FREE

Plastic Free July official opening event joint with North Cottesloe Surf Lifesaving Club, Keep Australia Beautiful Council and Town of Cottesloe. All welcome.

Click here to book.



17 July 10:00-12:00 How to Ace your Bulk Shopping

Promo Code: WASTEWISE for free entry

Joint with the Grove and Storehouse South Fremantle

Click here to book.

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